

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.” ~ Walter Cronkite

Willow Public Library Spotlights! December 2017

• Current WLA members are:

Marian Charles
Melinda Dale
Carol Goltz
Bill Mailer
Stephanie Richey
Virginia Richey
Maire Rhode
Bonnie Warner
George Wilkie

Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. the second Monday of the month; no meetings in the summer.

• Please let the Library staff know if you are willing to be a “**Friend of the Library**” on call to help with a specific task as needed. More helping hands are great! One position on WLA is open.

• Ongoing Programs:

Mystery Book Club-First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (in December it is switched to Dec. 12, then returns to first Tues.)

Morning Book Club- Last Wednesday of the month at 11:30
Pre-School Story Time - Every Friday at 11:00

Fiber Arts-Third Wednesday of the month at 11:00

• Ongoing Fundraisers:

[Pick. Click. Give.](#)

[Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)
[Amazon Smiles](#)

Donation Jar at the Library
Donation Envelopes at P.O. and Community Center

Check Library events online:
<http://www.matsugov.us/facilities/willow-public-library>
and on Facebook!

Event details are publicized on the WACO mail list and posted on the Post Office and Library bulletin boards. To receive the mail list messages you must be signed up. Please see:

www.waco-ak.org/Maillist.php

If you don't sign up to receive community news in your electronic mailbox, please check the monthly E-Breeze:

www.waco-ak.org/Breeze.php

Have you heard the news?

1. Mat-Su Health Foundation has awarded nearly \$1.7 million as a “first funder” of the New Willow Library and Community Center Upgrades project underway. The total project cost is approximately \$6 million. (See ADN story at <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/mat-su/2017/11/25/it-offers-rare-free-wi-fi-from-a-small-space-now-willows-library-could-double-in-size/>) Potentially there are other major funders, some of whom require that a certain amount of money be in place prior to their awarding grants and or donations, so we are optimistically exploring and acting to solicit more commitments. The MSHF grant is a huge step forward. It is also contingent on our coming up with other committed funds, so please help us spread the word, suggest possible funders, and do what you can to keep this effort moving forward. Imagine how great it will be to have a New Willow Library and Upgraded Community Center... and please help make it happen in whatever way you can. Thanks!

2. Check out the Display Case! The Boeve Family has shared a wonderful personal collection in the case. Look carefully for a walk down memory lane and locate readers throughout the display. Readers on benches, readers on sleds, readers in rockers, readers here and readers there. Maybe this is the year for a book under every pillow on Christmas morning? The next display in the case will be provided by the Willow Trails Committee. We are most fortunate to have trails here, trails there and trails most everywhere in Willow, thanks to the efforts of the Trails Committee.

3. From the Willow Library, Willow Library Association, and Friends of the Library, best wishes for a very special and safe holiday season of sharing, caring ... and reading!

